

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - All India Services - Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., (RR:1993) (Now under suspension) - Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 8 of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969- Articles of Charge - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.763

Date:24.04.2025

ORDER:

Government of Andhra Pradesh have decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., formerly Director General, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Response and Fire Services, now under suspension, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 8 of the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal), Rules, 1969.

2) The substance of misconduct and misbehaviour in respect of which disciplinary action is proposed to be initiated is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of Articles of charge, together with the list of documents by which and list of witnesses by whom the Articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are enclosed as Annexures-II, III & IV

3) Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., formerly DG, AP State Disaster Response and Fire Services is directed to submit a written statement of defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person, within 30 days of receipt of this order.

4) Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., formerly DG, AP State Disaster Response and Fire Services is informed that an inquiry will be held, only in respect of those Articles of Charge, which are not admitted. He is, therefore, required to specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5) Sri P.V. Sunil Kumar, IPS., formerly DG, AP State Disaster Response and Fire Services is further informed that, if no written statement of defence is filed within the time specified in Para 3 above or if he fails to appear in person before the Competent Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 8 of All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 or the orders or directions issued in pursuance of the said Rules, action will be taken against him on the basis of the material available on record, on the ground that he has no explanation to offer.

6) Attention of Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., formerly DG, AP State Disaster Response and Fire Services is invited to rule 18 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, according to which no Member of Service shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person

in any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 18 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.VIJAYANAND
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., (RR:1993) through Director General of Police,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri) (in duplicate).

The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri, with a request to cause service of the Government Order on the Member of Service, obtain his dated acknowledgement on the duplicate copy and furnish the same to the Government, immediately.

Copy to

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 001.

The Home (SC-A) Department, Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati

The General Administration (SC.C) / (SC.E) Department, A.P. Amaravati.

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ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V. SUNIL KUMAR, IPS., FORMERLY DIRECTOR GENERAL, AP STATE DISASTER RESPONSE AND FIRE SERVICES, NOW UNDER SUSPENSION.**

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., worked as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Department from 24-10-2019 to 23-1-2023 and later as Director General, A.P. Disaster Response and Fire Services from 10-3-2023 to 20-6-2024. During the above periods, he made several foreign visits by deviating from the actual itinerary for which he sought permission of Government and Orders were also issued by Government. The MoS further made several other foreign visits even without taking permission of the Government.

Article of Charge-1:

Sri P.V. Sunil Kumar, IPS., while working as Director General, A.P. Disaster Response and Fire Services, was granted permission by the Government to visit Georgia on casual leave from 01.03.2024 to 04.03.2024. But, the MoS deviated from the approved itinerary and travelled to the United Arab Emirates, thereby violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3(1A) (iv) and 3 (2B) (x) and 3 (2B) (xi) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Article of Charge-2:

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., while working as Director General, A.P. Disaster Response and Fire Services, visited Sweden from 02.09.2023 to 11.09.2023, without obtaining necessary permission from the Government thereby violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3(1A) (iv) and 3 (2B) (x) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Article of Charge-3:

Sri P.V. Sunil Kumar, IPS., while waiting in GAD visited U.S.A from 01.02.2023 to 28.02.2023 without obtaining permission from the Government of Andhra Pradesh thereby violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3(1A) (iv) and 3 (2B) (x) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Article of Charge-4:

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Department, was granted permission by the Government to visit Georgia from 14.12.2022 to 19.12.2022, but the MoS deviated from the itinerary and visited United Arab Emirates, thereby violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3(1A) (iv) and 3 (2B) (x) and 3 (2B) (xi) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Article of Charge-5:

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Department, visited United Arab Emirates from 02.10.2021 to 08.10.2021, without obtaining prior permission of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, thereby violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3 (1A) (iv) and 3 (2B) (x) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Article of Charge-6:

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Dept., was granted permission by Government to visit U.S.A from 21.12.2019 to 4.1.2020 but the officer deviated from the itinerary permitted by the Government and visited United Kingdom (UK), thereby violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3(1A) (iv) and 3 (2B) (x) and 3 (2B) (xi) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

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ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V.SUNIL KUMAR, IPS, FORMERLY DIRECTOR GENERAL, AP STATE DISASTER RESPONSE AND FIRE SERVICES, NOW UNDER SUSPENSION**

Sri P.V.Sunil Kumar, IPS., while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Department and later as Director General, A.P. Disaster Response and Fire Services made several foreign visits by deviating from the actual itinerary permitted by the Government besides several other foreign visits even without permission of the Government.

Basis for Article of Charge-I:-

The Government, vide Memo No. 2365478/SC.C/A1/2024, dated 28.02.2024, accorded permission to the MoS while working as Director General, A.P. Disaster Response and Fire Services, to visit Georgia by sanctioning Casual Leave (C.L.) for two days on 01.03.2024 and 04.03.2024, with permission to avail public holidays on 02.03.2024 and 03.03.2024. But, the MoS deviated from the itinerary permitted by the Government and visited the United Arab Emirates on his own.

Basis for Article of Charge-II:-

The MoS, while working as Director General, A.P. Disaster Response and Fire Services, visited Sweden from 02.09.2023 to 11.09.2023, traveling from Hyderabad to Sweden by Flight No.EK-525 (Departure) and returning by Flight No.EK-526 (Arrival), without obtaining permission from the Government.

Basis for Article of Charge-III:-

The MoS, while waiting in GAD visited U.S.A. from 01.02.2023 to 28.02.2023, traveling from Hyderabad to the U.S.A. by Flight No.EK-525 (Departure) and returning by Flight No.EK-524 (Arrival), without obtaining prior permission from the Government.

Basis for Article of Charge-IV:-

The Government, vide G.O.Rt.No.2679, Genl.Admn. (SC.C) Dept., dated 14.12.2022, accorded permission to the MoS while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Department, to visit Georgia by sanctioning Earned Leave for six days from 14.12.2022 to 19.12.2022. But, the MoS deviated from the itinerary permitted by the Government and visited the United Arab Emirates on his own.

Basis for Article of Charge-V:-

The MoS, while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Department, visited United Arab Emirates from 02.10.2021 to 08.10.2021, traveling from Hyderabad to U.A.E. by Flight No. EK-525 (Departure) and returning by Flight No.EK-524 (Arrival), without obtaining prior permission from the Government.

Basis for Article of Charge-VI:-

The Government, vide Memo No.1063275/SC.C/A1/2019, dated 02.01.2020, accorded permission to the MoS while working as Additional Director General of Police, Crime Investigation Dept., to visit U.S.A. from 21.12.2019 to 04.01.2020. But, the MoS deviated from the itinerary permitted by the Government and visited United Kingdom (U.K.) on his own.

An IPS officer contemplating foreign travel, should strictly adhere to procedural requirements for obtaining prior permission which is essential. This ensures administrative accountability, maintains chain of command awareness, addresses potential security concerns, and prevents conflicts of interest during foreign visits.

As per the Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) letter No. 11019/6/2001-AIS-III dated 04.08.2003 and other subsequent instructions issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India, in accordance with the All India Services (Leave) Rules, 1955, State Governments have been vested with the authority to sanction leave, due and admissible, for proceeding abroad on ex-India leave in cases of members of All India Services.

Discipline in the police force is of paramount importance, and violation of authority by police personnel is fundamentally incompatible with the disciplined nature of the service.

Unauthorized foreign travel by an IPS officer raises serious concerns as their position grants them access to sensitive operational information, intelligence reports, and details of ongoing investigations. Such unauthorized travel to foreign countries is against the interest of national security

Thus, Sri P.V. Sunil Kumar, IPS., (now under suspension) by his above mentioned acts, exhibited gross misconduct and indiscipline and acted in a manner that is unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby, violated Rule-3 (1), 3 (1A) (i), 3(1A) (iv), 3 (2B) (x) and 3 (2B) (xi) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V. SUNIL KUMAR, IPS, DGP (UNDER SUSPENSION) FORMERLY DG, AP STATE DISASTER RESPONSE AND FIRE SERVICES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Government Memo No. 1063275/SC.C/A1/2019, dtd 02.01.2020
Genl. Admn. (SC.C) Department.
2. G.O.Rt.No 2679, dated:14.12.2022 Genl. Admn (SC.C) Department.
3. Government Memo No.2365478/SC.C/A1/2024, dtd:28.02.2024
Genl. Admn. (SC.C) Department
4. Letter No.15/Tech (Security)/2024-25-450, dated: 21.02.2025 of
Foreigners Regional Registration Office, Bureau of Immigration
(MHA), Gol, Hyderabad along with Annexure-A

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.V. SUNIL KUMAR, IPS, DGP (UNDER SUSPENSION) FORMERLY DG, AP STATE DISASTER RESPONSE AND FIRE SERVICES ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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